

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (New) A method for providing an electrical connection among components of a rod-type ignition coil unit including an ignition coil rod having a high-voltage outlet and a low-voltage outlet, comprising:

providing a secondary winding on a coil shell portion provided on a side of the low-voltage outlet; and

providing on the side of the low-voltage outlet a contact spring, wherein the contact spring is slid over a contacting area of the coil shell provided with the secondary winding, and wherein the contact spring only contacts the secondary winding in a fixed end position.

5. (New) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein the contact spring is slid over a protruding element situated on the side of the low-voltage outlet of the ignition coil rod until the protruding element engages an opening formed in the contact spring, whereby the protruding element and the contact spring lock into each other.

6. (New) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein the contact spring has, on the side facing the contacting area of the coil shell, contacting elements that break through an insulating layer surrounding the secondary winding and contact the secondary winding.

7. (New) The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein the contact spring has, on a side facing the contacting area of the coil

shell, contacting elements that break through an insulating layer surrounding the secondary winding and contact the secondary winding.